

precious faith. Its aim may be more fully paraphrased by these lines :

"O live for those who love you,
For those who know you true,
For heaven that bends above you,
And awaits your coming too;
For the good that lacks assistance,
For the wrong that needs resistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that you may do."

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE—WHAT IS SAID OF IT.

REV. DR. CARMAN, General Superintendent, writes: "I am with you in conviction, desire and purpose in this grand movement, so happily supplementary to, and co-operative with, our Sunday-school and Church work. The demand of these times is a well-informed Christianity, as not giving way to the mere emotional; and a social and mutually helpful type of our Christian faith, as opposed to the selfish and exclusive. We must say to the people, "Move forward," and this League in its gradations will, under God's blessing, prove a noble preparatory training for our youth."

The REV. DR. POTTS says: "I am very anxious that our Church should have some better provision for Young People's Associations, and I think the EPWORTH LEAGUE about the best kind of organization for our Church. I shall do all in my power to help to make it a success."

The REV. DR. SUTHERLAND, Missionary Secretary writes: "The movement enlists my warmest sympathies, and it will have any support that I can give. The general plan of the League seems to be admirable, affording scope for all kinds of talent, and giving every one something to do."

The HON. SENATOR MACDONALD, writes: "The hope of our country is in the young. To have them convinced of the need and importance of the Christian literary and social work, which it is the aim of the EPWORTH LEAGUE to inculcate, will not only mean happiness in the home but prosperity to the nation. I trust, therefore, that we may expect from its working the very best results."

J. J. MACLAREN, Esq., Q.C., LL.D., writes: "It seems to me that the League is admirably calculated to further the very desirable ends proposed, and I have confidence that it will serve in a very substantial way, not only to wisely direct valuable energies of our young people that are now being largely frittered away for want of such direction, but also to arouse forces that have hitherto remained latent, and to press them into the service of Christ and the Church."

The REV. W. GALBRAITH, LL.B., writes: "I have full sympathy with the plans and purposes of the League. I regard it as one of the most important movements that have ever been made for the improvement and elevation of the young people."

The REV. HUGH JOHNSTON, D.D., who organized the first League in Toronto, writes: "My heart, my head, my whole being is in sympathy with the EPWORTH LEAGUE movement. It has come upon the Church like an inspiration. It is like the ringing of a trumpet blast, summoning our young people to band themselves together under its standard. It meets every demand—intellectual, spiritual, and social. I trust that every church in the city will organize at once, and that branches will spring up everywhere."

The Gate of the Year.

"Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness."
—PSALM cvii. 8.

I SAW a countless multitude before a golden gate;
I saw their eager earnestness, I saw them watch and wait;
I saw the Porter opening, his gracious form I knew,
And yet, alas! how thoughtlessly that giddy throng passed through.

How few with heartfelt gratitude adored the wondrous grace
That opened thus another year to our unworthy race!
How few were they who turned aside to give Him thanks who stood
And watched, as with a weeping eye, the rushing human flood!

I heard His voice of tenderness, as lovingly He cried,
"Behold My wounded hands and feet; behold My pierced side!
It was for sin I suffered thus, that ye might share my love,
Oh, will ye coldly hasten by, and thus ungrateful prove?"

I saw the aged trembling come and pass that golden door;
But would they pass the Heavenly Friend, so often passed before?
He looked, He spake, He stretched His hand, as o'er the step they trod;
But no, their eyes were turned to earth; they passed the Son of God!

I saw the young step lightly up; I heard the Saviour say,
"Young man, give Me thy noble life, My blessed will obey;"
And as a maiden hurried through, He drew her near His side,
"Forsake the world's frivolities; I love thee, I have died."

I saw the matron and the sire, in life's meridian prime;
I saw the feeble and the strong, pass 'neath the gate of Time,
On, on into another year; and yet, alas! how few
Who even turned a glance on Him whose mercy let them through!